



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09481.0009-01000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jeffrey A. HEROUX et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1637  
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Application No.: 09/976,437 ) Examiner: S. Chunduru  
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Filed: October 15, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 3932  
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For: ASSAYS FOR MEASURING )  
NUCLEIC ACID BINDING )  
PROTEINS AND ENZYME )  
ACTIVITIES )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicants now reply to the final Office Action mailed July 8, 2005, the period for response having been extended to December 8, 2005, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination with this reply. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.